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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

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TOPIC Airfield of FINOW

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REMARKS

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1. About 150 aircraft were parked at the FINOW (N 53/V 08) airfield. The following planes were definitely identified:

Thirty biplanes
Sixty twin-engine aircraft with in-line engines and double rudder assembly
Four large seemingly four-engine aircraft.

The twin-engine aircraft which were parked near the road had a green and a red rectangle at the side of the Soviet star emblem on the rudder assembly (see Annex).

2. A set-, presumably a radar set and three radio trucks stood on a hill north of the airfield, south of the FINOW-FINOW-FURTH (N 53/Z 89) road.
3. The airfield was being expanded to the west. According to laborers working there the airfield was also scheduled to be expanded in the direction of BIESENTHAL (N 53/Z 97).
4. A large radio truck with three about 20-foot rod antennae on top was observed in the yard of the cantonment building. The radio station was in operation. The generator was operating and two men in the truck had on earphones.
5. A 1,000-foot strip of the western section of the airfield had been graded. A large excavation was being filled with soil but no broken stones were used.

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Comment:

a. The statements on the occupation of the FINOW airfield do not definitely indicate the number of aircraft parked there. The number of observed P-2s appears too high. More PE-2s than those counted are assumed to have been stationed at the airfield, for two, probably three bomber regiments, equipped with about 110 aircraft, are assumed to still be stationed in FINOW. The observed four-engine aircraft have not been confirmed by []

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b. The existence of a radar set near the FINOW-FINOWFURZ road has been verified []

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c. Expansion work on the western border of the landing field has been repeatedly confirmed by []. The intended expansion work in the direction of BIESENTHAL was reported for the first time and therefore can not be commented on.

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1 Annex: [] of twin-engine aircraft observed over the FINOW airfield.

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